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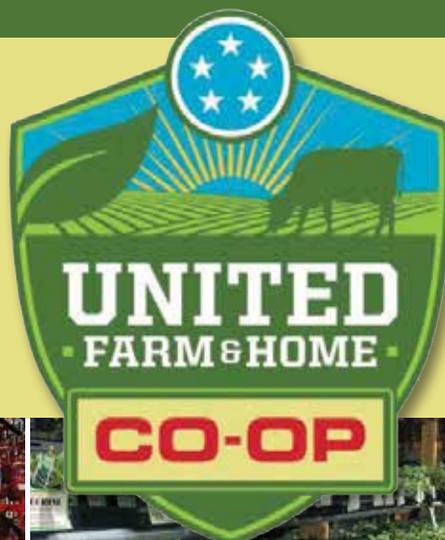
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Band leader Kenny Lovelace played guitar & fiddle with Jerry Lee Lewis for over 50 years. Photography by Michael Tedesco

# LEGENDARY CAREER

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He's a talented multi-instrumentalist whose unique style would land Kenny Lovelace a special place in music history. For more than five decades, he toured with Jerry Lee Lewis as his bandleader, guitarist, and fiddle player.

"He was like a brother to me," Lovelace says of the legendary artist who passed away in October of 2022. "I loved Jerry and had 54 great years with him."

At 89, Lovelace has countless stories from the years he traveled with Lewis, performing with the Rolling Stones, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, and so many others.

Lovelace could play guitar on the rock and roll songs like "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On" and "Great Balls of Fire," then

could switch to the fiddle on the country tunes like "What's Made Milwaukee Famous," "Another Place, Another Time," and "Thirty Nine and Holding."

"Jerry loved the way I played fiddle, and he wanted it on all his records."

That interest in the fiddle began early for Lovelace. Growing up on a farm in Cloverdale, Alabama, his family would pick cotton, hoe corn, and bale hay to make ends meet. Then on Saturday nights, they'd gather together to hear the Grand Ole Opry.

"We didn't have electricity, so we'd listen on an old battery radio. And when the battery started getting weak, we'd lean-in closer to hear the rest of it. I'd listen to Hank Williams Sr and all the guys, the fiddle players, and the different instruments they used. I just loved the music and wanted to learn."

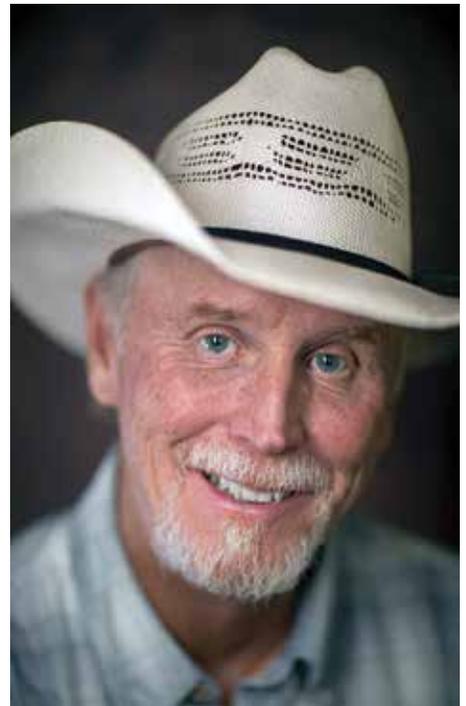
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chords on the mandolin. The next year, he began learning the guitar. And then, his dad bought him a fiddle.

"He paid five dollars for it, but it only had two strings," says Lovelace. "So, I learned to play on two strings because we didn't have money to buy more. Then later, he did get me two more strings, and that's when I really learned to play fiddle."

He was just a teenager when he began playing with a local band. And one night, the band opened for Hank Williams Sr.

"I was about 14 years old and playing fiddle with a group in Florence, Alabama. That night we played for about 45 minutes, then Hank was running late, so we got to stay on longer."

Williams arrived while Lovelace was still on stage, and later, Lovelace got to meet him.

"I said, 'Mr. Williams, it's a pleasure to meet you,'" Lovelace recalls. "And he said, 'Nice to meet you, son. I heard you playing, you just keep it up.'"

A little more than a decade later, Lovelace would meet Lewis. Lovelace was with a different band then, and Lewis' youngest sister, Linda Gail, sang with them on weekends. One night, her brother had a show across town and came to see her perform. Lewis was impressed by the entire band and commented on how

much he enjoyed hearing Lovelace play the fiddle.

A few months later, in May of 1967, Lovelace joined Lewis on the road.

They bonded over the music. On show nights, after the band returned to the hotel, Lewis would often call Lovelace later to see if he was still awake. If so, he'd ask him to bring his fiddle to the room.

"And I'd get there, and we'd play for a couple of hours," Lovelace remembers. "It's where he and I came together. He wanted to hear my fiddle, and we'd play all these old songs, just me and him in his room."

Among the many experiences he shared with Lewis was the night he met Elvis. After wrapping up movies, the singer was ready to return to live shows. He wanted Lewis to come see his show in Las Vegas, and Lovelace got to go along. Afterward, they were invited to hang out with Elvis.

"We were in the dressing room, and Elvis said, 'Jerry, sit down at the piano and hit me a few notes on the keys. And Elvis just leaned up on the piano. If I had a camera with me that night, it would have been a master shot.'"

Lovelace remains grateful for an incredible career.

"To play with Jerry for all those years and meet the people I've met and do what I've done, it's been wonderful."



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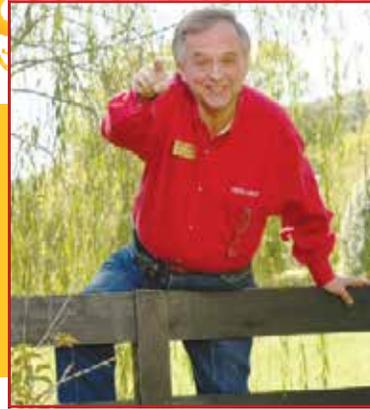
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Holly Reilly, the company's events and marketing manager, credits much of Preventia's success to a steadfast commitment to providing the best possible customer service.

"Our customer service is top-notch. The customer always

comes first, and we want to serve them to the best of our ability," says Reilly, who has been with Preventia for three years, having moved to Middle Tennessee from northern Illinois.

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The company is also very community-focused.

“We (sponsor) the annual Tony Starks Memorial golf tournament every September, which raises money for the Maury Regional Health Care Foundation. We also do Experience Spring Hill

every year and are always involved with the Spring Hill Chamber of Commerce. And we sponsor Lunch N’ Learn events through the Maury Alliance Chamber of Commerce,” notes Reilly.

Meanwhile, the company remains firmly committed to its mission of helping customers feel secure in their homes and businesses.

“I wouldn’t say we have a high crime town, but there are more things happening here, and people want to know that their home is safe and that they have a safe place to go to at night. We exist to help people sleep at night and get the most out of their day,” offers Reilly, who has lived in Columbia for five years and has come to appreciate how vibrant the local community has become.

“People are happy here, and that’s my favorite part about living here. I’ve also experienced a lot through Maury Alliance,” she adds. “They support all the local businesses, and there is always something new happening. There is a lot going on all the time.”

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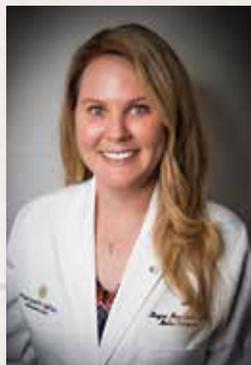
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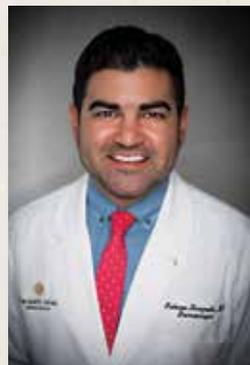
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## Grilled Chicken Bundt



### INGREDIENTS (SERVES 4-6)

4 POTATOES  
2 CARROTS  
8 BRUSSEL'S SPROUTS  
OIL  
2 TABLESPOONS GARLIC POWDER, DIVIDED  
2 TABLESPOONS ONION POWDER, DIVIDED  
2 TEASPOONS SALT, DIVIDED  
1 WHOLE CHICKEN (4-5 POUNDS)  
1/2 STICK BUTTER, SOFTENED

### DIRECTIONS

Heat grill to 350 F with one burner off for indirect heat.

Cut potatoes, carrots and Brussel's sprouts into bite-sized pieces. Drizzle with oil and mix in 1 tablespoon garlic powder, 1 tablespoon onion powder and 1 teaspoon salt; set aside.

Rub chicken with softened butter, remaining garlic powder, remaining onion powder and remaining salt.

Place some veggies in bottom of bundt pan. Place chicken on top of chimney or tube of bundt pan. Fill pan with remaining veggies.

Place pan over indirect heat and grill 1 hour, 30 minutes, or until chicken reaches internal temperature of 165 F.

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Bright Apple, a local nonprofit organization that provides healthy snacks to students in elementary schools in Maury County, has added Battle Creek Elementary as the 10th Bright Apple School. Since 2019, Bright Apple has delivered nutritious snacks like apples, bananas, and pears to students to help them thrive academically.

“Our community makes our mission possible,” said Melissa Webb, Director of Development for Bright Apple. “Bright Apple is still a grassroots effort. We are so thankful for all the businesses, individuals, churches, and organizations that give so generously to help us serve children in our community.

For more information about Bright Apple, visit [BrightApple.org](http://BrightApple.org).

## DEBERRY INSURANCE AGENCY TO HOST 10TH ANNUAL FREE SHRED DAY



DeBerry Insurance Agency will host their 10th Annual FREE Shred Day for the community on Saturday, April 11, 2026. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the agency, 5232 Main Street in Spring Hill. FREE Shred Day has become a signature event for DeBerry Insurance Agency over the past decade. The event was inspired by the need for clients and members of the community to safely discard identifying papers.

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Shred Day is held each April during tax season when many people are cleaning out files and paperwork. The event also honors Earth Day. All the paper that is collected at the event is shredded on site and later recycled. To date, the agency has collected an estimated 35 tons of paper for recycling.

“We have watched this event grow into such an important event for our community,” said Chris DeBerry, Owner of DeBerry Insurance Agency. “We have attendees who look forward to this event each year. We look forward to it also as we get to catch up with clients and friends. Please come out if you have papers to shred! We look forward to seeing everyone!”

For more information and updates about DeBerry Insurance Agency’s FREE Shred Day event, follow DeBerry Insurance Agency on social media or visit their website, [DeBerryInsurance.com](http://DeBerryInsurance.com).



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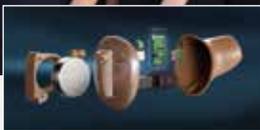
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